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**Testimony of**  
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**Submitted to Insurance and Real Estate Committee**  
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**HB 5437 AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY DEPOSITS**  
**Support with amended language clarification**

My name is Neil Griffin and I am the Senior Vice President for Conn-NAHRO and the Executive Director of the Glastonbury Housing Authority. Conn-NAHRO represents over 112 Connecticut housing authorities and other non-profit and community development member agencies. Member agencies have the responsibility of effectively managing or administering housing for 150,000 families/individuals and over 62,000 housing units in Connecticut.

Speaking on behalf of Conn-NAHRO's Executive Board and member agencies I would like to express support for the concepts proposed in HB 5437 AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY DEPOSITS and propose clarifying language for section 1.

**Section 1.** We support the use of electronic mail as and additional notification option to the landlord of a forwarding address of the tenant. We have concerns that electronic mail can end up being filtered out by junk mail or spam filters and not being seen by the landlord. We would suggest the language be amended to state that when notification of the tenants forwarding address is by electronic mail the landlord be required to affirmatively respond acknowledging receipt of the electronic mail for the delivery to be considered received by the landlord.

**Section 2.** Conn-NAHRO's supports the Committee's language eliminating the requirement for landlords to pay tenants a higher interest rate on security deposits than landlords may obtain from depositing such security deposits in a financial institution.